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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Jul 31, 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 20) ☐ Other:

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 2-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

a. Claims 2-6 are confusing as they recite a motor assembly, which does not actually include the motor. One reading the various limitation regarding this element would be considering a motor as the element referred to. However most of the limitations are not readable on the motor of this disclosed apparatus.

b. Claim 5 is inaccurate as it states that the output shaft of the speed-reducer constitutes the sheave. However the sheave is not a "shaft", and is not a shaft of the speed reducer.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-6, as best understood are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hirano. Hirano discloses an elevator apparatus comprising:

an actuating device including a sheave (36) around which a rope engaged with an ascending and descending cage (40) is wound, the sheave being adapted to rotate thereby to move the rope with its rotation, and a driving section (10) for rotating the sheave, and

a shielding body (a penthouse; see column 1, line 21) for shielding the actuating device,

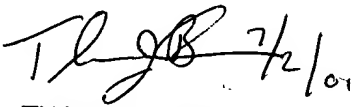
wherein the actuating device and the shielding body are installed on a rooftop of a building in which said ascending and descending cage is disposed (as per the definition of a penthouse).

The prior art arrangement of drawing figure 1 has a support member divided into two sides approximately at the junction of the brake (28) and the speed-reducer (32) as to have the speed reducer mounted on a first side, and the brake and the motor assembly mounted on the second side, as recited in claim 2. The motor assembly shaft, the brake and the input shaft of the speed-reducer are aligned coaxially,

as recited in claim 3. The brake assembly is arranged radially inwardly of the motor assembly as recited in claim 4. It is also off to one side, but it is still radially inwardly as well. The out put shaft of the speed-reducer is integral with the sheave, as claim 5 is best understood. The support member is attached to an upper surface (14) of the rooftop, indirectly, as recited in claim 6.

5. Cerny et al and JP 8-285197 are cited as showing similar elevator motor assemblies mounted in rooftop enclosures.

6. An inquiry concerning this action should be directed to Examiner Thomas J. Brahan at telephone number (703) 308-2568 on Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30-6:00 EST. The examiner's supervisor, Ms. Eileen Lillis, can be reached at (703) 308-3248. The fax number for Technology Center 3600 is (703) 305-7687.


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